

## Announcements

**March 7:** If you have been participating in our life as a Christian community for some time and you wish to explore the meaning of Baptism as initiation into the way of following Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, please see Pastor Jessica as soon as possible. In the early church, those preparing for Baptism received the sacrament during the Great Vigil, the evening before Easter Day.

**March 7: Food & Care Service, 12-2 p.m.** This month St. Mary's switched weeks with another volunteer group. You are welcome to help serve a nutritious meal to individuals and families who come seeking warmth, a smile, a hearty lunch, some social time and a sack lunch to take out for supper. Offices and dining room for the Food and Care Coalition is located at 299 E. 900 South, Provo. Questions? See Father Dick Weissert or Chris Peper.

**March 7, 12:30 p.m.** Adult Forum: "Suffering, Sin and Salvation: Current Thought on an Age-Old Dilemma" a presentation and discussion offered by The Rev. Canon Mary June Nestler, Canon for Ministry Formation at the Episcopal Church Center of Utah. Gather to consider contemporary answers to questions such as "How does Jesus 'save' us by his suffering?" Presentation and discussion continue next Sunday, March 14 at 12:30 p.m.

**Sundays at 9-10:15 a.m.** "Spirituality as an Intentional Journey" Discussion group continues each week in the Library. Current topic: The transformative experiences of the holy that some experience near death and/or at other times. Studies indicate these experiences are far more common than is supposed and are now the subjects of legitimate scientific inquiry. This group is open and welcomes you whether you come once, occasionally or every week. Contact Mac Baldwin or Julia Martinez for more information.

### Wednesdays in Lent

**Study Book and Guide:** *Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People*, 2nd Edition, Dorothy C. Bass, Editor. Jossey-Bass, 2010. Paperback ISBN-047048411X.

### March 10: The Labyrinth as Spiritual Practice

#### The Evening's Schedule

6:15 Evening Prayer

6:30 Potluck Soup Supper: Soup, bread, cheese and fruit

7:00-8:15 The Labyrinth as Spiritual Practice

This week we join together to walk a room-sized labyrinth, similar to but much larger than the labyrinth on our patio. In a labyrinth, there is a single walking course to the center and back. Its form has been used for meditation and ritual practice since at least medieval times. Considered a journey or a pilgrimage, to walk a labyrinth is an invitation to find the quiet center of our being where we encounter the Holy. This session is led by Keith Jensen, who has undertaken this spiritual practice with his students at UVU. This portable labyrinth is on loan to us from the Episcopal Church Center of Utah.

**On March 17: Forgiveness as Christian Practice; March 24: Practicing a Christian Way of Life: A Way of Thinking**

**Saturday, March 13, 8:30 a.m.** Men's Breakfast at Village Inn on University Parkway, in Orem. Why not join them for breakfast before coming to help with St. Mary's Clean Up, Clean Out Day?

**Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m.: Clean Up, Clean Out Day** at St. Mary's. Kitchen, Basement, Upstairs as well as outside projects. We will move about quietly respecting our Seventh-day Adventist congregation's worship, study, social time and other building use. Junior Warden Robert Rebol and Jim Meador, our Sexton\*, will head up this effort. Contact the office to volunteer. If you sign up, there will be a task for you! \*Sexton: from the Middle English *sextein*. "A church officer or employee in charge of the maintenance of church property; duties may include ringing the church bells and digging graves in the church yard ...." – *Webster's New World Dictionary* [*Happily our volunteer sexton's duties are more limited to lending muscle and expertise to maintenance solutions for St. Mary's building and grounds.*]

**Saturday night, March 13: Daylight Savings Time begins.** *Reset clocks forward one hour to arrive at worship on time on Sunday!*

**Sunday, March 21: 10:30 a.m.** Dedication of stained glass windows given by the Peper and Weissert families in loving memory of Gretchen Weissert and Sue Peper, respectively. We will gather outdoors opposite the music room for a short service of dedication and prayer just before the start of Holy Eucharist. All are welcome.

**Sunday, March 21: 12:45 p.m. Bishop's Committee** meets in the Library.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER Schedule

**March 28: The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

10:30 a.m. Blessing of Palms, Procession and Holy Eucharist, Children sing

12:15-12:45 p.m. Social Time, Ukrainian Egg Decorating; Making Palm Crosses

12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Future Flight meeting to plan for St. Mary's future...

**April 1: Maundy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Foot-Washing and Watch 7 p.m.

**April 2: Good Friday**

12:15 p.m. The Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. The Liturgy of Good Friday with Holy Communion

Following the Stations of the Cross in the noon hour and after the evening's Liturgy, there will be time set aside for anyone wishing to avail themselves of the Rite of Reconciliation of a Penitent (Confession). The rite is privately conducted by appointment between penitent and confessor, and the seal of confidentiality is absolute. If you would like to prepare for this sacramental rite of the Church, please contact Pastor Jessica. Within the Anglican tradition there is a counsel: "None must, some should, all may" take advantage of the opportunity to confess wrongs committed, to receive counsel, assurance of God's pardon, and to take the means necessary to restore justice and peace in the lives of those we have harmed, including ourselves.

**April 4: Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Our Lord**

10:30 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist

12:15 p.m. Festive social time and Easter Egg Hunt

**Flowers for Easter Sunday:** Offerings of Easter lilies may be made in thanksgiving and/or in memory of your loved ones. Suggested donations : **\$12 - \$25 each plant.**

**Sunday, March 28: 10:30 a.m. The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**

Our liturgy, meaning the work of the people, begins in the Parish Hall with blessing of Palms and a festive, solemn procession on the church property, followed by a reading of the Passion Gospel according to Luke, and Holy Communion.

**12:15-12:45 p.m. Social Time, Ukrainian Egg Decorating; Making Palm Crosses**

**12:45 p.m. We have our second Future Flight meeting for any who wish to be involved in planning for St. Mary's future. It will last about an hour. Bring your coffee and a cookie and roll up your sleeves for take-off.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 1, 7 p.m.**

On this sacred day, we make present once again Jesus' command (*mandatum*) to be servants of one another. We symbolize this by washing each other's feet remembering Jesus' act of humble service to his closest disciples. We also commemorate Jesus' gift of himself in bread and wine as his body and blood for our spiritual food and drink in Holy Eucharist. *Note: for the rite of foot-washing it is appropriate to wear simple sandals or slip-ons.*

**Good Friday, April 2**

**12:15 p.m. The Stations of the Cross**

We go on pilgrimage inside the Church halting at "stations" to pray and meditate as we follow in "the Way" of Jesus' footsteps to the cross. The practice of so praying was formalized in the early 14<sup>th</sup> century by the Franciscans. All are welcome.

**7:00 p.m. The Liturgy of Good Friday with Holy Communion**

In the evening on Good Friday we hear the story from the Evangelist John of Jesus' betrayal, trial, conviction and his death on the cross. We pray solemnly in concert with the whole Church remembering in particular the Church in Jerusalem. We extol the Cross, not as an instrument of torture (though it surely was and is) but as the instrument of our salvation and exaltation. "By thy cross thou hast redeemed the world."

**The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday, April 4**

**10:30 a.m. Festival Holy Eucharist with trumpet fanfare and soloist Serena Kanig Benish, Easter Hymns, Flowering of the Cross. Festive social time and Easter Egg Hunt follows the Service.**